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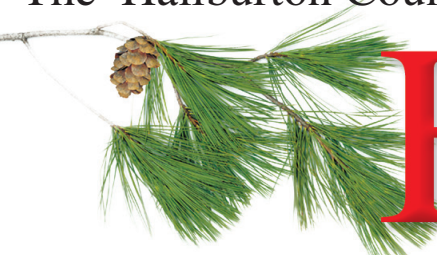
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# Health team proposes partnership with HE

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Staff Reporter

The Bancroft Family Health Team is looking to form a significant partnership with the municipality of Highlands East that could see much needed programs and a physician come to Wilberforce.

At their March 9 meeting, councillors heard from Sandra McGrath, representing the Bancroft FHT, about the possibility of collaborating with the municipality.

Established in 2006, the Bancroft FHT now includes six physicians working out of two sites, one of which is a teaching site associated with multiple post-secondary institutions, said McGrath.

"That gives us a unique opportunity ... to recruit physicians to our area because they're already familiar with our site," she said. "So that gives us a leg up on recruitment."

The FHT offers nutritional counselling for diabetics, a respiratory therapist, chiroprapist, mental health specialists and more.

McGrath told councillors that of the

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**Dogsled derby comes to town**

This four-dog team crosses the finish line at the end of their race. The derby included four, six- and eight-dog sprint races, as well as skijoring, in both open and pure-bred classes. More on page 15.

CHAD INGRAM Staff



## Lady Hawks headed to Kenora for OFSAA

DARREN LUM  
Staff Reporter

The Red Hawks varsity girls' hockey team is going to their first all-provincial high school tournament and possibly their last.

The bittersweet aspect of the scenario wasn't lost on the team's coach Dan Marsden, who has said this will be the last sea-

son for the program because many players will be graduating after this season.

At the start of the season, Marsden was hoping for a .500 or better record and a berth to the Kawartha Girls' Hockey League playoffs. It's amazing how time flies and how much goals can change.

Marsden said the team was able to peak at the right time to earn a spot at the Ontario Federation of School Athletics Associations championship in Kenora

this week.

The road to the all-provincial berth included the shoot-out win in the AA seeding game against Holy Cross late last month in Haliburton.

This win ensured the team's place with AA schools at COSSA, which was key for the team's success, Marsden said.

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All guesses have to be in by Thursday, March 26 to be eligible to win.

# Council receptive to proposal

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8,000 patients the Bancroft FHT serves, approximately 1,500 come from Highlands East.

"The Family Health Team is still actively recruiting physicians and we're very interested in working with Highlands East to possibly recruit a physician that would serve your Wilberforce clinic and also be a part of the Bancroft Family Health Team so we could offer all these ancillary services," said McGrath. "We think that would work much better from your side as well because physicians do not want to come and operate by themselves. They want to have the support of

a team, they want to have the support of other physicians ... and also the support of the Family Health Team staff."

She mentioned that two of the med students training with the Bancroft FHT were interested in the Wilberforce Medical Centre, which houses the Wilberforce Pharmacy as well as a dentist practice. The building is owned by the municipality, which leases out space in the facility.

"It's just a matter of time before we find someone who will be a good fit," said McGrath.

Councillors were very supportive of the idea and in moving forward with the initiative as quickly as possible.

Some of the members of council men-

tioned there has already been some work done with the North Hastings Family Health Team in terms of physician recruitment.

McGrath pointed out that the Bancroft FHT is not looking for an exclusive arrangement with Highlands East and are open to working collaboratively as a group down the road.

"I'm talking about the fact that if we could work together to find somebody that would be wonderful," she said.

Councillors proposed to review a collaborative partnership with the Bancroft FHT and commit at a future meeting of council.

## Preliminary budget in for Highlands East

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff Reporter

The numbers are rolling in as department heads in Highlands East are looking at upcoming expenses for 2015.

At a Feb. 27 meeting of council, municipal directors presented councillors with preliminary budget items, including some projects in line to be done this year.

Acting fire chief Chris Baughman gave councillors an idea of what the fire department would cost this year, with a proposed budget of \$465,358. This num-

ber is up from the 2014 budget, which was \$399,500.

The increase in cost was attributed to recruit training and a fire reserve, according to minutes from the meeting.

Property supervisor Jim Alden outlined some of the upcoming projects in store for the municipality this year and how much he anticipated each would cost.

Some of the more expensive projects slated for this year include a new steel roof for the Highland Grove Community Centre, which is estimated to cost \$28,000.

Alden is also proposing a new roof for the building department, located in Goo-

derham, to the tune of \$20,000.

The Wilberforce Curling Club will be getting some roof work done as well, including the condenser removal on the roof and replacing it with a steel roof, for a total cost of \$14,500.

Other minor projects include repair work on the cement pad and walkway at the McCausland Memorial Community Centre in Gooderham, repairs to the Cardiff municipal office and an electrical panel at the Cardiff Community Centre. These projects are estimated to cost \$16,000 total.

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# MP Devolin may testify in Mike Duffy trial

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Staff Reporter

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock Member of Parliament Barry Devolin has been served with papers stating he may be called as a witness at the trial of former Conservative Senator Mike Duffy, set to start this April.

Duffy is facing numerous charges, including fraud and breach of trust.

Devolin was recently notified that he may be called to testify in regards to a fundraising event that involved the MP and Duffy.

"I was served with papers by the RCMP that I may be called as a witness but I haven't actually been subpoenaed to appear yet," said Devolin. "They serve many people with papers and then at some point the lawyers decide who they're actually going to call."

Devolin said he was contacted by the RCMP prior to Christmas and spoke to one of the investigators on the phone.

The event in question was hosted in

Cambray in 2009 by the Conservative Riding Association, explained Devolin.

"Every year in June we had a fundraising event ... for years it was called Breakfast with Barry," said the MP. "Most years we have a guest speaker. There have been ministers, Peter MacKay has been, Jason Kenney has been ... and in 2009 Mike Duffy was our invited guest."

Recalling the event in question, Devolin said he remembers Duffy was involved in a separate event the previous night in Peterborough. "I believe it was also a riding event," said the MP.

He believes Duffy stayed at a hotel that night in Peterborough and then was brought to the breakfast event at the Cambray Hall by a volunteer. Another volunteer then took him from Kawartha Lakes to the Toronto airport, said Devolin.

"The question, I believe, is how Mike Duffy expensed his costs related to that trip, as opposed to what he was actually doing on the trip," he said.

Devolin said he believes several of his colleagues have been served with papers to testify as well. He maintains that no

money between him and his office staff was exchanged with Duffy at the event.

"There was no transportation, there was no accommodation and there were no paid meals involved," he said. "No money ever changed hands in either direction."

The MP says he does not know if Duffy claimed expenses for that event.

"Whether there was something in particular that day or that weekend that has raised a red flag or whether just for due diligence the RCMP are following up on all of these events, I also don't know that," said Devolin.

Devolin further explained that while parliamentary business can be expensed, party business cannot be, and that this event fell into the latter category, as it was hosted by the riding association and not the MP.

Along with Devolin, the prime minister's former chief of staff and other MPs have been contacted to testify at the trial, according to multiple media reports.

None of the charges has been proven in court and Duffy maintains he is innocent.



## Man fined \$6,500 for unlawful moose hunt

A Barry's Bay man has been fined a total of \$6,500 for unlawfully hunting moose in Dysart et al.

Danny McClean pleaded guilty and was fined \$6,000 for hunting a cow moose without a licence, \$500 for possessing the illegally killed moose and convicted with no fine for allowing a portion of the moose to spoil. He is not allowed to hunt in Ontario for five years.

Court heard that between Oct. 15 and Nov. 1, 2013, while hunting without a licence, McClean killed a cow moose near the Fishtail Lake Road in the former Harcourt Township, north of Wilberforce. He transported portions of the moose to his residence in Barry's Bay and left some of the meat to spoil.

Justice of the Peace Dianne Ballam heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Minden, on March 5.

For further information on hunting regulations, please consult the Ontario Hunting Regulations Summary available at [ontario.ca/hunting](http://ontario.ca/hunting).

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## Making the Haliburton Highlands a culinary tourism destination

JENN WATT

Editor

The Haliburton Highlands already has the pieces in place to become a culinary tourism destination in Ontario, it just needs to be better co-ordinated and promoted.

Details about a forthcoming tourism report prepared by the Ontario Culinary Tourism Alliance (OCTA) were released to a group of stakeholders late last month, giving an overview of how the Highlands can turn the raw ingredients it has into a fully realized tourism identity.

Stakeholders including accommodators, local food enthusiasts, restaurateurs and others came together to hear the presentation about the report, which was facilitated by Haliburton County's tourism department.

Amanda Virtanen, tourism director, said those in attendance were enthusiastic about the possibilities.

"I'm excited that there seems to be so much buy-in and I just want to make sure we keep the enthusiasm going and not let this project fall by the wayside," she said in an interview.

According to slides from the presentation, OCTA surveyed 187 businesses and found 114 used locally sourced products. Of those surveyed, about four per cent were categorized as "champions" or "leaders" of local food and beverage. Twenty-five per cent were considered "followers" and 71 per cent "subscribers."

Virtanen explained that the categories didn't necessarily pertain to whether

local food was used by those surveyed as much as whether they promoted that fact to tourists.

With a few tweaks to operations, many area businesses could quickly jump categories, she said, which is part of the overall plan.

"This year, 2015, will be about facilitating and educating," she said.

"We're going to work with OCTA and find existing workshops or bring people here who are experts in it."

An analysis of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats and trends shows that the Highlands has much to offer, but doesn't always advertise that fact.

Strengths highlighted in the presentation include craft beer, maple syrup and garlic being produced, a seasonal resident and cottage population, wild edibles and forest products, a newly branded Haliburton Highlands and outdoor activities, programs and tours, among other things.

Weaknesses include "limited market readiness" of businesses, limited brand recognition, a "broken local food distribution chain" and a lack of web presence of growers and producers.

The analysis offered that businesses could leverage the cottage population, create new programs highlighting food, increase brand awareness and strengthen the local food supply chain.

Virtanen said one of the ideas that has come up is a Community Food Network. Similar to how the arts council unites local artists, a food network could bring together the culinary tourism sector. It's not a real entity yet, but stakeholders have been discussing the idea.

Ultimately, much of the success of culinary tourism in the Highlands comes down to area businesses and producers networking and promoting each other and the food experiences available.

"It's such an important part of a tourism offering I think we need to really look at the resources we have at the moment and be proud of them and not be afraid to promote this area as a great foodie place," Virtanen said.

The full OCTA report should be available by the end of the month and recommendations about how to move forward on suggestions from the report will begin working their way through the legislative process at the county's tourism committee and on to full county council.

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***I'm excited that there seems to be so much buy-in and I just want to make sure we keep the enthusiasm going and not let this project fall by the wayside.***

— Amanda Virtanen  
Tourism director  
Haliburton County



# A life cut short: Remembering Thomas Chambers

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff Reporter

When Thomas Wilbur Grant Chambers was born there wasn't anything extraordinary about him.

However when Tom died on March 12, 1956, his funeral was one of the largest ever witnessed in Haliburton, according to his obituary.

Son of David James Chambers and Mary Ann Higginbottom, he was born on April 21, 1907 on Peterson Road in Carnarvon.

Today you can find him not far from his birthplace, resting in the Twelve Mile Lake cemetery with his wife, Catherine Elizabeth Campbell, his son David and other members of his extensive family.

At the young age of 48, Tom's life ended after he entered a blaze that destroyed two buildings in Haliburton Village. The fire chief at the time, Tom, to this day, is the only firefighter to lose his life in the line of duty in the history of Haliburton County.

This Thursday at 1 p.m., a special plaque unveiling and dedication ceremony will take place at the location of the fire, in front of the Village Barn, to honour a hero of Haliburton's past.

A hardworking family man, Tom was a member of the Chambers family, which acquired land in the county in 1866, according to relative Bob Chambers.

"Tom's father, David, built and operated a sawmill at the north end of Twelve Mile Lake with steam power," Bob wrote in an email to the *Echo*. "Sold it to T.H. Rogers in 1915."

Tom met his wife Catherine, a schoolteacher, and married her in Stratford on July 1, 1931.

"Tom grew up on the Peterson Road in Carnarvon and later built a home and a planing mill where the Pepper Mill [restaurant] is now located near Carnarvon," wrote Bob to the paper. "He then moved to Haliburton to open Chambers Motors with his brother, Wally."

Tom purchased the garage from Saul Bernstein in 1945, according to Haliburton Highlands Museum curator Steve Hill.

Tom and his brother Wally took over the business, changed its name and ran it until it burnt to the ground on Dec. 30, 1949, said Hill.

In 1950, Tom rebuilt the garage with the help of a business partner from Bracebridge named Ran Jupp. Chambers Motors was located on Highland Street, where Sharpley's Source for Sports currently resides.

Father to two children, Phyllis (Chambers) Waind and David Chambers, Tom was a mail carrier in the county, prior to operating the garage. He was also a spiritual man, belonging to the Haliburton United Church, where he served on the board and as an elder and sang in the choir.

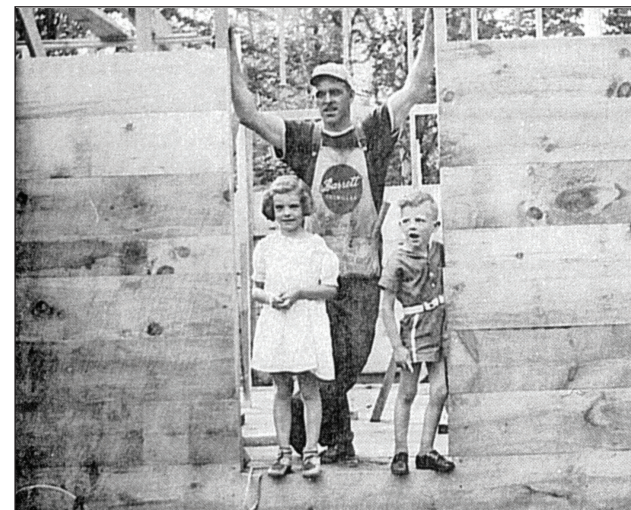
Tom was also a past master of the North Entrance Masonic lodge.



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*Tommy was a loyal and efficient employee of the municipality and took a keen interest in his position as fire chief. He will be sadly missed.*

— Walter Noice  
Dysart reeve in 1956



Photos from top left, Tom Chambers is seen here in a canoe. Born on April 21, 1907 in Carnarvon, Chambers died on March 12, 1956 in one of Haliburton's worst fires. Chambers was the fire chief at the time of the blaze, which burned the Bank of Montreal and Griggs Department store. Tom building his home in Carnarvon with his children Phyllis and David. The property is now the Pepper Mill Restaurant. /Photos courtesy of Bob Chambers  
Firefighters try to put out a fire in downtown Haliburton Village on the night of March 12, 1956. After many hours, the blaze eventually destroyed two businesses, the Bank of Montreal building and The Grigg Department Store and claimed the life of then fire chief Tom Chambers. This photo was donated to the Haliburton Highlands Museum by Marvella Smith.

## Wind in the Willows Spas

*Wind in the Willows Spa II in Minden has been sold as of March 1st, 2015.*

*All gift cards purchased from January 2015 to February 28, 2015 can be redeemed at Wind in the Willows Spa II in Minden or Wind in the Willows Spa in Haliburton.*

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For his funeral, the United Church was filled to capacity with those wishing to pay their respects. Those who weren't able to make it into the church could hear the service over a loud speaker system set up on the church lawn, according to his obituary.

The late Joe Iles, a former member of Tom's fire brigade, was in attendance at the funeral, according to Hill.

Tom's daughter said her dad was chosen to be the fire chief following a fire in the town in 1946.

"They had a meeting and they made him fire chief," said Waind. "He was to be paid \$50 a year for doing it."

The devastating blaze that claimed Tom's life started at approximately 11 p.m. on March 12, 1956 in the basement of the Bank of Montreal, according to the March 15, 1956 issue of the *Haliburton County Echo*.

Firemen battled the stubborn blaze for eight hours, before bringing it under control. The flames enveloped the bank before taking over neighbouring business Grigg Department Store, next to Stedman's (which still remains to this day).

Tom was notified of the fire from residents Teddy Harding and Rufus Anderson.

"He [Anderson] immediately contacted fire chief Thomas Chambers who was on the scene with the local fire equipment in a very short time and after entrance was made to the bank he ascended into the cellar to ascertain the extent of the fire and returned to get the hose to extinguish it," reads the front page of the 1956 *Echo*. "A short time later when Chambers failed to answer their summons, members of the brigade rushed to the basement to locate him."

Many attempts to rescue Tom followed, however the

fire was too large at that point, according to the *Echo*.

Waind was 22 and living in Kitchener at the time of the 1956 fire. Out for the evening, she got a call after midnight from her uncle letting her know what had happened.

Waind, now 82, remembers her dad as a hard-working guy who loved to go hunting.

"The only holidays he took were when he went hunting usually," she said.

Then Dysart reeve Walter Noice referred to Tom as an able and courageous citizen and public servant.

"Tommy was a loyal and efficient employee of the municipality and took a keen interest in his position as fire chief," wrote Noice in the March 15, 1956 issue of the *Echo*. "He will be sadly missed. On behalf of the citizens of the municipality, it is my sad duty to convey to his family and relatives the heartfelt sympathy of the council and the citizens."

Following the tragedy, a new municipal fire department was formed under the leadership of Sid Roberts, according to the Dysart website.

The businesses destroyed in the fire were rebuilt and remained in that location until the 1986 Stedman's fire, at which point they were torn down, according to Hill.

To this day the cause of the fire is unknown, he said.

The incident did result in better training for local firefighters, due to a bylaw that was passed by council immediately following the fire. The new fire bylaw made it possible for the brigade to obtain more modern equipment and to pay the firemen for their time in training and on fires.



# Cancer society short on drivers

*Volunteers needed to take patients to crucial appointments*

JENN WATT

Editor

Cancer patients in the Haliburton and Minden areas needing rides to specialist appointments are having to wait longer for rides as the Canadian Cancer Society searches for volunteer drivers.

Nancy Sinopoli, the Peterborough region's community services and transportation co-ordinator, says the society desperately needs even a couple more drivers to ensure those needing rides to appointments and treatment in outlying cities get there.

"This past week, I had to decline three clients because I did not have a driver available," says Sinopoli. "It's hard. Our priority is for people who are going to treatment."

Volunteer drivers are compensated with a mileage subsidy, but otherwise do the work simply to be of service to those going through a difficult and frightening experience.

"They want to give back to the community. They know that cancer is a growing concern and that people need to get to their treatment," Sinopoli says.

The average driver is usually asked to do one drive per week and can go anywhere from Bracebridge to Toronto, Oshawa to Barrie.

There are currently eight drivers in Haliburton and seven in Minden, but sometimes drivers won't be available because they vacation out of the country or have their own engagements.

Those volunteers provided 559 rides to 32 clients in Minden and 516 rides for 37 clients in Haliburton in 2014.

Last week was particularly bad with only one available driver in Haliburton.

To ease the shortage, drivers from Bobcaygeon were used, but that adds another 75 kilometres onto the already long trip.

"It's not a good way to run the program and it's certainly not anything we could keep up," the co-ordinator says.

Volunteer drivers must have their full licence (with four or fewer demerit points), a reliable vehicle that is smoke free and pass a criminal reference check. There is a one-day training session in Peterborough as well as an intake interview. Then the volunteers do one trip with another driver to get a sense of the process.

The society's drivers tend to stick around for a long time. Many who drive now have been doing so for years.

"They really do have a deep commitment to help the people in their community," Sinopoli says. "It's pretty amazing what they do."

For those who can't get a ride due to the lack of drivers, they need to rely on friends and family or Community Support Services, which provides rides, but charges for them.

The Canadian Cancer Society charges a one-time negotiable registration fee of \$100. After that, all rides are free. There is a cap of two rides per week. (Those doing several days of treatment in a row are expected to stay at a lodge in the city.)

Sinopoli says the commitment can be quite involved – a whole day spent driving someone to and from an appointment, for example, but for those who volunteer, the rewards are worth it.

Even having one or two new volunteers would make a world of difference to the patients and to those currently volunteering.

Sinopoli says it's a service that is crucial to the wellbeing of the local population.

"Without our service, there are people who would not get to their treatment," she says.

If you are interested in volunteering, call Canadian Cancer Society volunteer engagement co-ordinator Alison Payne at 1-800-463-0432.

## Haliburton man pleads guilty to assault, forcible confinement

Grant Wallace, 56, was sentenced to 18 months of jail time after pleading guilty to assault, forcible confinement and possession of a firearm without a licence.

Other charges including attempted murder were dropped, according to the Ministry of the Attorney General.

"The accused was sentenced to 18 months jail, in addition to pre-sentence custody of seven months and 20 days, plus three years probation. A DNA order and a firearms prohibition for 10 years were also ordered," said media relations senior co-ordinator Brendan Crawley in an email to the *Echo*.

Wallace was charged following an incident on July 3 at an address off Highway 118 in Dysart et al.

## OPP not soliciting for teddy bears

The OPP is advising the public that it does not solicit funds from members of the public for its Community Bear Program or any other OPP program. The OPP's Community Bear Program is sponsored by Aviva Canada Inc.

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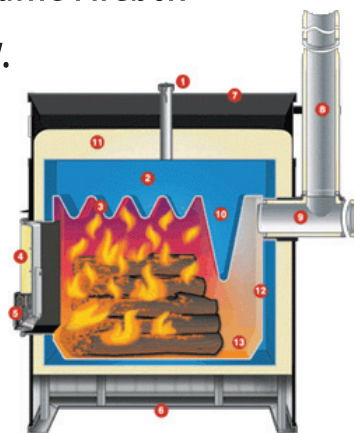
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Not because I worry it is my house that is burning down, I worry because I think of those who are in an emergency situation and those who have to respond.

It amazes me on a regular basis the commitment of local firefighters who risk so much for very little reward. Communities like ours, that rely on a volunteer department, are fortunate to have dedicated individuals willing to step up to the task of keeping our residents safe.

So you can imagine my amazement when I learned this week that it was only 60 years ago when the municipality of Dysart passed bylaws that saw firefighters get paid for their work and receive proper training.

The change in policy came after the village experienced one of the most tragic fires in its history, even to this day.

When fire chief Tom Chambers, who led the local fire brigade in 1956, ran into the Bank of Montreal as it was going up in flames, it probably never occurred to him he wouldn't be coming out.

Only 48 at the time, Chambers left behind a wife, two children and local business Chambers Motors.

Chambers had assumed the role of fire chief not because of grand aspirations he had, but because no one else wanted the job.

So, at a meeting following a large fire that struck the town in 1946, Chambers was selected to be fire chief and was to be paid \$50 a year.

Yes, you read that correctly, 50 bucks.

For the next 10 years Chambers fulfilled his duties with very little equipment and almost no training.

It's like if someone threw me into a standard car for the first time on the

middle of the 401 highway, with no prior lessons or practice, and told me to start driving.

No thank you.

After the devastating blaze, Chambers's death was attributed to the lack of fire training and inadequate equipment the department received, due to an outdated fire bylaw, as was reported by the *Peterborough Examiner*.

Chambers was not wearing a mask when his body was found, and according to the fire marshal's office, none of the Haliburton firefighters at the time had taken any of the training courses available through the fire marshal's office.

"The fire chief, it was mentioned, often had too much difficulty in rounding up his volunteers for training courses," read the *Examiner*.

When Chambers died his funeral was one of the largest in Haliburton's history and in the weeks following, council passed a new fire bylaw, making it possible for the brigade to obtain more modern equipment and to pay the firemen for their time in training and on fires.

At the time the decision was recommended by the Crown attorney in Lindsay, who complimented council for their move.

Councillors should have been congratulated for their swift and positive actions, turning a tragedy into an educational experience and working towards preventing a similar situation from ever happening again.

It was a groundbreaking decision, but it wouldn't bring Chambers back.

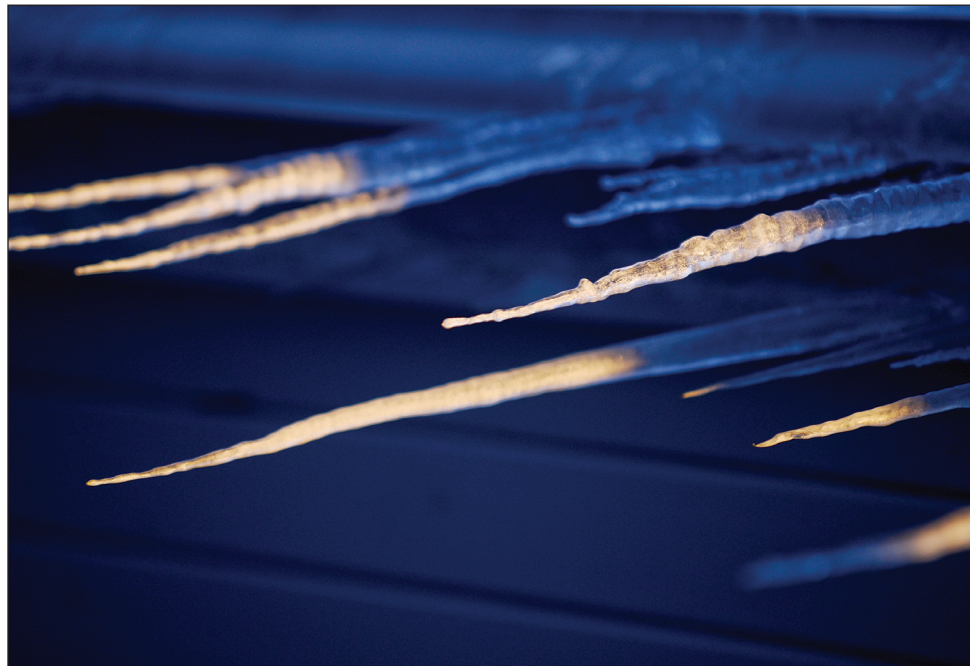
This Thursday a plaque in memory of Chambers is being unveiled at the site of the blaze that claimed the life of the fire chief 59 years ago to the day.

It is with hearts filled with gratitude that the public will be able to pay their respects to a man who changed Haliburton for the better with the sacrifice he made.



Angelica Blenich

## Editorial



Sunset icicles

by Darren Lum

## Birds and bees

**T**HROUGHOUT THE province, including here in Haliburton County, many parents are alarmed by the new elementary sex ed curriculum.

There's been outcry over what some parents called perverted lesson plans on social media and there was a rally at Queen's Park late last month, featuring placards with slogans such as, "Math not masturbation," "Science not sex," and "What's next . . . safe animal sex?"

The last one seems a bit dramatic.

How many parents have actually read the curriculum?

They should probably give that a try before jumping to hysterical conclusions.

The document, the revised health and physical education curriculum for grades 1 through 8, is available online.

Human development and sexual health makes up just a portion of the 244-page document, most of which focuses on healthy eating, physical fitness, the connection between a healthy body and a healthy mind, etc.

The biggest concerns seem to be that the curriculum deals with homosexuality and same-sex marriage, masturbation and anal and oral sex.

The new curriculum includes discussions about homosexuality and same-sex marriage as early as Grade 3.

The human development and sexual health portion of the Grade 3 overview reads students will, "identify the characteristics of healthy relationships (eg. accepting differences, being inclusive, communicating openly, showing mutual respect and caring, being honest)."

It seems the younger kids learn there are homosexual people, some of whom marry each other, the less likely it is those kids are going to grow up to discriminate against gay people.

If you have a problem with your

children learning about same-sex marriage, it's because you're homophobic.

Some people are gay. Some gay people marry other gay people. Deal with it.

But it's really masturbation and oral and anal sex that seem to be, well, touchier subjects.

Masturbation is brought up at the Grade 6 level to let students know that curiosity and self-exploration at that age is normal.

In perhaps the most eyebrow-raising part of the revised curriculum, at Grade 7 students are taught that sexually transmitted infections can be passed through oral and anal sex.

While the old curriculum dealt with contraception, it didn't explain in much detail the ways diseases can be transferred and while teen pregnancy rates in Ontario have declined in recent years, rates of STIs among teens has climbed.

In short, while it may make people squeamish, there is an evidence-based reason this stuff is

in there.

The Grade 7 curriculum also strongly stresses the advantages of abstinence, or as the document reads: "the importance of having a shared understanding with a partner about the following: delaying activity until they are older; the reasons for not engaging in sexual activity; the concept of consent and how consent is communicated; and, in general, the need to communicate clearly with each other when making decisions about sexual activity in the relationship."

That part doesn't seem to get much press.

Ultimately, parents can decide if they wish to pull their children from certain parts of the program.

But they may want to actually read the document first.



Chad Ingram

## Opinion



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# points of view

## Getting ready for turkey season

**I** PROBABLY don't have to tell anyone who reads this column, but I'll say it anyway. There are less than 50 days till turkey season. Most turkey hunters are overjoyed with this bit of good news. But those unfortunates who do not hunt turkey are probably thinking, "Big deal." Well, frankly, it is. Fifty days is hardly enough time to prepare. And by that I mean prepare your spouse. What's there to prepare you ask? That's a silly question that you should never ask again. First, you need to ready your spouse for the turkey calling sessions that can break out spontaneously at any time during the next 50 days. If not, this can lead to stressful and even dangerous situations. Trust me, a turkey call in the wrong hands can cause injury.

The way I prepare Jenn for this is easy.

I start calling outside on our deck on weekends. Then, after she finally unlocks the door a few hours later and lets me back in the house, I casually bring up the fact that turkey season is nearing and there will be more of this.

A lot of hunters do this but fail to be diligent about the other critical part of this equation – that being sleeping with their calls. If you don't sleep with your call, and one eye open, it's likely to go missing.

Admittedly, sleeping with your calls is very awkward to explain, especially if one of them utilizes those big rubber bellows.

But, trust me; it's the prudent thing to do. Otherwise the next time you see those calls will be in mid-summer when you are turning over the compost heap.

Another time-tested way of preparing your spouse for turkey season is by practising your 4 a.m. wake up routine. It's going to happen for much of the turkey season so they might as well start getting used to it.

Be aware, however, that your spouse will not be nearly as excited about the prospect of an early morning awakening as your dogs are – although he or she might be as vocal and even threaten to bite.

Which leads to the next critical preparation – sleeping on the couch. There will probably be a discussion about this sometime in the next 50 days. It just happens.

In it, your spouse will very likely suggest that, for the entire duration of the turkey season, and perhaps beyond, the couch might not be a bad place for "someone" to sleep – especially if it gets moved to the garage or better yet, the neighbour's garage.

Trust me on this next bit of advice. Don't agree and then say, "Are you sure you are going to be comfortable sleeping on it? It's awfully lumpy."

My experience tells me saying these words might give her new inspiration as to where she should hide your turkey calls. And you really don't want that.

Other than calling and issues of early mornings, there are very few other things you need to get your spouse ready for. Aside from the fact that you have developed a personal relationship with one of your turkey decoys, I mean.

First you need to reassure her that it's not a weird relationship. After all, your decoy is inanimate and made of rubber.

No, it's strictly platonic.

Many spouses, including my own, have a hard time with this. I think it might be a jealousy thing brought on by the fact that I happen to remember the song that was playing in the sporting goods store when I first laid eyes on "Old Genevieve."

In any case, the best way to handle this is not speaking about your favourite decoy much or showing it any favoritism over your spouse or that "Old Genevieve" has replaced her as the screen saver on your phone.

If you keep all these things in mind, you will still have a spouse by the time turkey season arrives. This is something to celebrate – probably without Old Genevieve, however.



steve galea

Loon Tales



## pic of the past

**T**his is a photo of the West Guilford garage in 1947 soon after it was built. The man with his back to the pumps is Jim Cooper, owner. The man facing him is Howard Morrison, mechanic. Photo submitted by Kay Morrison.

## letters to the editor

# The beauty of living off grid

To the Editor,

Six years ago I made a life changing decision to move to the Highlands. Not being a native of the Highlands, I was unfamiliar with its unique beauty, countless lakes, overwhelming wildlife, or the people that I was fortunate enough to meet and in the end call neighbours and friends.

Coming from a small town, I always thought that I was country enough to live amongst the residents of Haliburton, and fit in quite well. Fit in I did, but not without the help of the people around me. And that thing about being country enough, well, you're not country until you live in Haliburton and endure all four seasons and come out smiling.

I moved here in the spring, and was welcomed into Wren Billings's home. I stayed with Wren for six weeks. During my time there with Wren and Sonya, I was treated as one of the family. The kindness that was given is something I will never forget. To imagine a perfect stranger extending that kindness is hard to picture in today's world.

I moved into a house like no other I had ever been in. It sits nestled amongst the trees, on top of the mountain, surrounded by nature.

There are no power lines to invade its beauty, or phone lines to drown out the sounds of the birds chirping their songs. There is no cable. Satellite range is mediocre at best. For the first time in my life, I felt completely at peace.

No longer afraid of who or what might bother me at night. The tranquillity of nature at its fin-

est. Never in the city had I felt that level of comfort. Something about being out on the mountain told me it was a safe place to be. This didn't come about all of a sudden, it took a good year before I got there, but I did get there, and to anyone who fears the dark, this is huge. Even listening to the wolves and coyotes didn't unnerve me as much as it should have. I often waited for the sound of the birds flapping their wings, calling their mates, before drifting off to sleep.

Winter came and with it came probably the worst winter I've ever had to deal with as an adult. My son would often come home from school and spend hours plowing the driveway, in an effort to keep it clear so that I would be able to get up the hilly driveway that seemed to go on forever. Sometimes we were successful in keeping it clear, and Mother Nature would cooperate. Sometimes she just didn't want to work with us. The nights were cold, and it was an endless routine of splitting and cutting and piling and carrying wood in order to keep warm. The work involved was overwhelming. Through word of mouth, I found Lyle Bacon and Harry Hutchings and between those two we were able to keep a somewhat comfortable temperature in the house even on the coldest days.

Our generator was temperamental and we would go weeks and weeks on end without it running. Making trips to the gas bar to run the little gas generator was an everyday task. Again through word of mouth I heard about Tony Salvatore from Emmerson's. Well sure enough, I called

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## BOONIEVILLE





# points of view

## Neighbours made all the difference

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him up and within an hour he had our big genie running. This also became a common task, as it seemed I was calling him on a daily basis.

We bought a new genie and the fear of losing power or not being able to maintain power diminished. I was still uncertain, and for a long time waited for the house to go black, but it didn't, not for a long time. Then it happened but it wasn't the generator. It was the batteries. They weren't keeping a charge. Could be the cold of the season diminishing them, or just that they weren't good batteries. We had an off-grid system that when I moved there, no one knew how to operate.

By the second year of living on the mountain we had become experts on off-grid living, but not without the help of Sean Flannagan, from Flannagan and Sun. He is an expert at off-grid systems and spent a lot of time educating us on the perils of how it worked. He had supplied us previously with the now defunct batteries, and true to his word, warranted them and supplied us with new ones. We also worked out a plan for newer panels and repositioning of the panels to ensure the batteries were only necessary during our colder months.

The thought of being able to have power full time seemed a life-time away. How wonderful it was to have Sean assist us in making this dream come true. We were informed as to where the sonotubes were to be positioned and how deep they needed to be in order for them to hold our new array of panels. My sister came up from Hamilton, and in what

proved to be the very coldest November in history, she and I and my son dug deep and hand filled all eight tubes with concrete that was hand mixed as we couldn't figure out how to get the electric mixer to work. We almost froze to death, but we did it. The panels arrived shortly after and were installed.

Due to the extreme winter we had that year, the panels weren't able to provide the level of power needed. The snow blanketed us way beyond anything that we could work with. Thank God for neighbours. Keith Cowen and Jim Hutchings to the rescue. Without fail, one of them would show up and plow for us, and give us encouragement that better days lay ahead. Finally spring arrived and the power we needed to live by came, in an abundance.

It was one of those wow moments when you realize that you could actually sit back and relax knowing that your batteries are full and you can use a luxury or two and have no fear of power loss. Very few people will ever get to experience that feeling. Such appreciation for the things that people use every day and don't think about.

Living off-grid is not for the weak at heart. It takes a lot of determination, time and in the case of having to replace units, money. Personally, I couldn't have done it without the help of my neighbours and friends. I no longer live there, but my heart is there.

I left it on the mountain, and each time I get a scent of lilac I think of my lilac bush, gracing the driveway with its fragrance as you enter this paradise of land that allows you to be free of the elements of technology, the rudeness of society, and the congestion of vehicles that invade this beautiful town

called Haliburton.

Thank you my friends, each and every one of you that made my time on the mountain an experience that I will hold dear in my heart to share with my grandchildren and their children, in hopes some day, they

too might want to venture down that path and rediscover Mother Nature and all her glory.

Cindy Storie

## The Seventeenth of Old Ireland

You're English, Irish, Scotch and Dutch my mother said –

Don't you think that's just a bit much  
To tell a child when she's only seven  
And thinking that Canada's a bit of heaven?

How can I be such a mixed up kid  
When I've lived here all my life and knew she did?

Why, I'm allergic to heather and I won't wear the kilt.

And I can't speak any Cockney, nor sing a lilt

Tho' I kinda liked Holland I didn't speak Dutch

And I've tried to do the Highland Fling, but not very much.

I don't know who I favour, my friends could likely say

But it's been a big question to me 'till this day.

Yes, I sure would like to solve this big mystery

And what a conundrum heredity can be!

Now my grandparents all came from these far off lands

To eke out a living by the work of their hands

And after a hazardous journey across the raging foam

They settled in these hills, they reminded them of home.

Yes I sure would like to get down to my roots.

I do like the plaid but I don't like wooden boots

I've tried the haggis, I like to hang on to my dough

But I always speak English wherever I go

But my grandma from Ireland was the only one I've seen

So just for today I'll be wearing the green.

- Ev Stata, 1997



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## This Week In...

Stories from our archives

### 2005 (Tuesday, March 8)

#### Get ready for a tax hike

Haliburton county councillors are planning to maintain services and go ahead with two massive projects – Connect Haliburton and the creation of an in-house economic development office – despite a 20 per cent increase in the budget over last year.

Warden Jim McMahon started budget deliberations by saying, "It's not a good budget. The county still doesn't know how much the province will be contributing so any decisions they make now are a "gamble."

McMahon suggested the county would "not be doing constituents any favours" by not moving forward with plans to open an economic development office, bring high-speed Internet access to the country via Connect Haliburton, and do roads work. He says all three are vital for future economic stability.

Treasurer Laura Janke said the hike in the budget was due to wage increases, continuing costs for GIS and 911, road maintenance due to provincial downloading, and increased costs for social services. In the latter area alone the county's share of social housing increased from 21 per cent to 39 per cent.

The province was not making the job of county councillors or staff any easier. John Gerretsen, municipal affairs minister, announced a

\$200 million transition fund to pay the municipalities for providing downloaded services such as social housing and ambulance services in 2003 and 2004. There had been no announcement on how that money would be allocated.

McMahon said Haliburton County's efforts to hold the line on tax increases has meant savings for residents who have to pay for deferred costs.

### 1995 (Tuesday, March 14)

#### Sharp-thinking Dorset students help OPP nab break-in suspects

The detective work of a group of keen-eyed students from Dorset Public School helped police catch two men who admitted to breaking into the Dorset Recreation Centre and the adjacent municipal office in early January.

The two confessed thieves were arrested by Barrie OPP and faced charges in connection with 27 other break-ins across the region, ranging from Barrie to Haliburton.

Thanks to incredibly detailed descriptions of the two men provided by Dorset students who ran into them on their way back to school from a gym class at the recreation centre, Barrie OPP were able to link the pair to the expensive Dorset break-ins.





The Wilberforce Elementary School hockey representatives beat the visiting Ontario Provincial Police hockey representatives 11-10 on Friday, March 6.



## Meeting over a friendly game of hockey

Photos by Darren Lum



Left, a Wilberforce Elementary School hockey player rushes the puck against the visiting Ontario Provincial Police hockey representatives on Friday, March 6 at the Keith Tallman Memorial Arena in Wilberforce. Organized by the OPP, the outreach hockey game was won 11-10 by WES and watched by WES faculty, Wilberforce residents, family and friends.



Above, a student carries the puck up the ice with an OPP player close behind. It was a tight game in Wilberforce, with the police and students neck-and-neck throughout.

Left, scorekeepers were all smiles at the Wilberforce Elementary School versus the Ontario Provincial Police hockey game, which was one by WES 11-10 on Friday, March 6 at the Keith Tallman Memorial Arena in Wilberforce.

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# Dress project making dreams come true

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

This year Grade 8 students have an opportunity to get free clothing for their graduation through a one-day, one-stop shop.

Jennifer Abbott of Lochlin along with another local resident decided to make buying clothes for graduation a far simpler task, collecting dresses through the Internet.

They're giving girls and their parents an opportunity to see more than 100 dresses and shoes that were collected the past few months on Saturday, April 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lochlin Community Centre.

Abbott knows the challenges of shopping for a pre-teen daughter, particularly when it comes to formal dresses that are just not available here.

"There's not a lot of places to shop up here. It's a nice way of getting clothes people don't wear out of their closet, helping people out," she said. "It's not just for people in need of dresses. It's for anybody," she said.

She points out this isn't just for those that can't afford to buy a dress so much as an opportunity for parents and their children to reduce the time and effort.

"There are a lot of people that cannot get out of town," she said. "I wouldn't necessarily say it is for charity because we're allowing everybody to come ... they have a chance to see if there is a dress they would be interested in and get it for free. That way they can pay for their shoes and accessories and stuff like that if need

be. It's to help out the parents and try to make [the children's] dreams come true." If there are dresses left over after the event Abbott thinks they can pass them on or keep them for next year.

Abbott is amazed at the generosity, as the collection keeps growing.

"The dresses are beautiful. We have a lot of nice dresses and it means a lot for people to make this happen because without them donating we wouldn't be able to make this possible," she said.

Dresses were dropped off in Lindsay where Abbott's father's girlfriend lived. Her dad would bring them to her.

"It was a big word of mouth for sure, but everybody contributed," she said.

The collection started when a public request was made for graduation dresses through the Haliburton/Minden Moms Swap and Buy Facebook group a year ago.

This isn't just for the girls.

Although there have only been four suits donated, Abbott said they welcome more donations for the boys. She welcomes any clothing for boys such as ties, dress shirts or pants.

"I know a lot of boys probably wouldn't like the whole suit for grad," she said.

She is hoping they can get some help covering the cost to dry clean the clothes and welcome treats from merchants or restaurants.

She just wanted to help.

"We thought it was a great way to give back to the community, help these girls out and make them feel extra special on that day," she said.

Abbott appreciates for the cost of the community centre rental being covered



Lochlin's Jennifer Abbott shows one of the dresses collected for the one-day event where graduates in Haliburton County are welcome to come and take a dress home for free Saturday, April 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lochlin Community Centre. There are more than 100 dresses and a few boys' suits. Abbott welcomes more donations, particularly boys' dress shirts and pants. Alterations can be done on Saturday for free by volunteers. Make-up tips will also be available through a volunteer. Call Jennifer Abbott for more details or to donate 283-0906. /DARREN LUM Staff

by the Lochlin United Church. The contact for the event is Jennifer 705-286-0906. Volunteers will be available for free minor

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# New yoga studio brings light into Haliburton Village

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff Reporter

When Abby Blythe Hagerman was growing up she didn't think she would one day be a yoga teacher.

Now she can't imagine doing anything else. Born and raised in Haliburton, Hagerman, 29, was first introduced to yoga at a young age by local yoga enthusiast Lynda Shadbolt.

"I started doing yoga with Lynda when I was in Grade 8 at JDH," said Hagerman.

However it wasn't until years later that her passion for the practice began to flourish.

During her years studying at university, Hagerman was taking yoga classes and was enrolled in history courses that focused on topics like Indian spirituality.

This led her to partake in a study abroad semester in India, the birthplace of yoga.

"I got a lot of really neat exposure there," she said.

Following school, Hagerman travelled the world and furthered her yoga learning, eventually doing her teacher training in Thailand.

"When I moved home a few years ago I didn't really know how to share it, it was so personal to me," she said.

However last fall Hagerman felt ready to share her practice with the community and began investigating ways to do this.

"I really wanted to focus on teaching more classes," she said. "I want to share what I've learned."

She obtained her own space at the end of last year and has spent months getting it ready for classes. The goal is to create a space that facilitates a social hub for people in the community.



Above, the Light Hatch Yoga Studio offers a scenic view of Head Lake and Head Lake Park. Located on Haliburton's main street, the studio will have a variety of yoga classes available, with the goal of turning it into a creative, social hub.

Left, Abby Blythe Hagerman strikes a yoga pose in her new studio The Light Hatch, located at 156 Highland St. in Haliburton. A long-time yoga enthusiast, Hagerman will be offering all types of classes at her new studio beginning March 23. ANGELICA BLENICH Staff

## Coming Events

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*I really want to help people find peace and stillness and all the things yoga is designed to help you do.*

— Abby Blythe Hagerman

On March 23, Hagerman will be officially opening the Light Hatch Yoga Studio, located at 156 Highland St.

The studio will be home to many different styles of yoga classes, taught by Hagerman and other instructors.

"I just want to have it filled as much as I can with classes," she said. "I really think that Haliburton can support that ... especially in the summers."

Some of the types of yoga being offered will be mindfulness and meditation, prenatal and ashtanga. All levels of yoga will be offered.

"I really want to help people find peace and stillness and all the things yoga is designed to help you do," she said.

One particular area of interest for Hagerman is to incorporate education into her classes, spending time on learning the history of yoga postures and their benefits, she said.

"That's what inspires me to do the yoga practice," said Hagerman.

Hagerman is hoping her new studio brings light into people's lives, hence the name of her business.

"I felt like this was my calling ... to create this space and offer it to the community and do what I love," she said.

The Light Hatch Yoga Studio will offer registration and payment options online.

For more information on The Light Hatch, visit [www.lighthatch.com](http://www.lighthatch.com).

You can also email Hagerman at [abby@lighthatch.com](mailto:abby@lighthatch.com) or call 705-455-0052.

### THOSE OTHER MOVIES

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Thursday, March 12



A doctor mourning the recent sudden death of her husband retreats to her remote island cabin where a wounded stranger suddenly appears.

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3:00 pm: THE WORLD BEFORE HER

6:30 pm: CITIZENFOUR

9:00 pm: KEEP ON KEEPING ON

For more info: [www.haliburton-movies.com](http://www.haliburton-movies.com)

Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton

## Stanhope Soccer League Registration

Tuesday, March 17 from 7 to 9pm

Saturday, March 28 from 10am to 12pm

Ages 5 to 14 as of June 23, 2015

Stanhope Fire Fighter's Hall North Shore Road, Carnarvon

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## College Coffee House

Presented by Fleming College's Student Association

Friday, March 20th @ 7:00pm

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# Local skijorer prepares for 'Olympics' of dogsledders

*Koehler returns from Germany with ideas for competition in Haliburton*

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

A local teacher is getting excited about the prospect of being able to host the best sledders around the world in her backyard.

It's something that three-time world championship skijoring competitor and Archie Stouffer Elementary School teacher Karen Koehler can't help be a little anxious about since the event is a little more than a year away.

She calls it the Olympics for dog sledgers and wants people to be part of the event, whether it's through sponsor support or volunteering.

Early this year, Haliburton and Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve were announced as the 2017 venue for the IFSS (International Federation of Sleddog Sports) World Championships.

The nine-day event will include close to 200 competitors in the 18 classes (dog-sledding and skijoring – a competitor on Nordic skis pulled by a dog, connected by a harness) with about 25 competitors, except some competitors will compete in multiple events.

The exact date hasn't been established, but she believes the event will take place most likely February and only affect one weekend with days after and before.

Her experience as a world competitor informs her of what it takes to organize a world event.

She recently returned from Bernau, Black Forest, Germany after representing Canada in skijoring in two events.

Koehler said coming through the start and finish chute areas were amazing, as there were large crowds of all ages who cheered, several people deep, and could even be seen miles down the course.

Koehler provided links for anyone interested in seeing what the event could look like: [vimeo.com/120662161](http://vimeo.com/120662161).

"Having been to Germany was really important for me in terms of organizing. The more chances you see different [world championships] and the way they are handled [the better]," she said.

Among the events she has either seen or competed include world championships in Quebec, Norway, Alaska and Germany. She even references the dryland event in Bristol as good for her knowledge.

"It's ideas. It's connections," she said.

As a close friend to race organizer Denis Rozan, who has run the Bristol Dryland

the past several years and will host the IFSS 2015 Dryland World Championships, and director with the Canadian Association of Harness Dog Sports (formerly Mushing Canada), Koehler will be learning everything she can for her own event.

"I'm learning a lot right now and I think we will be able to do a really good job," she said.

Also, see a promotion video at ([youtube.com/watch?v=Ast8Nx8MLAg](http://youtube.com/watch?v=Ast8Nx8MLAg)) for 2015 IFSS Worlds Dryland or the website at [www.bristoldryland.ca](http://www.bristoldryland.ca).

Koehler said Jim Cunningham, a race marshal with more than eight year of experience and close to 20 years of racing experience, will also be consulted so that things go smoothly.

As she has said since applying to the IFSS, she believes the Haliburton Highlands and the venue Haliburton Forest is an ideal location for its beauty, terrain and what is in place already.

"The cool thing about the Forest is it's going to be the first Worlds, if all goes the way we plan where all the events will be at the same site," she said. "Normally, like at Norway there were three different venues."

When she recently went to the world championship event in Germany part of

the event was held in Norway.

This is something that will benefit competitors as much as spectators, she said.

It not only simplifies the process for spectators to find competitors, but competitors will be able to meet with other competitors in different disciplines.

Koehler is still figuring out the plan, but has every intention of making sure there is an opportunity for spectators to interact with competitors.

Although there are close to 100 beds available at the Forest, she knows that won't be enough and believes competitors will be looking for accommodations all around the county.

She said the event will be a boon for more than the Forest.

"The community should benefit from people being around and about," she said.

It's still early, she said, and there are many details left to address.

"We know we got the bid and the excitement is building, but all the details there is so much still think about and refine," she said.

For volunteering or sponsoring email the Haliburton Forest at [experiences@haliburtonforest.com](mailto:experiences@haliburtonforest.com).



Singer-songwriter and proud owner of more than 200 hats, Jory Nash was a featured performer and instructor at the Haliburton County Folk Society's annual Winter Folk Camp, which took place at Camp Wanakita during the weekend. Nash played a concert along with songstress October Browne and harmonica genius Roly Platt on March 8 and also taught a songwriting workshop.



## Folk tunes at camp

Londoner October Browne brought exquisite guitar playing and beautifully melancholic songs to a March 8 concert at Camp Wanakita as part of this year's Winter Folk Camp. Browne took the stage with singer-songwriter Jory Nash and harmonica hero Roly Platt. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

## Coming Events

**Spring Is the Sweetest Time of the Year at the Haliburton Highlands Museum!**

**March 17th - 21st 10am-5pm**

### Special Kids' Programs:

#### Life of a Leprechaun

**Tuesday, March 17th, 11am-3pm**

Scavenger hunts, games, crafts and legends from the Emerald Isle!

#### Victorian Games Afternoon

**Thursday, March 19th, 1-3pm**

The kind of games kids in Haliburton would have played over 100 years ago – no batteries required!

#### Spring Equinox Celebration!

**Friday, March 20th, 6-9pm**

Everyone is invited to join us around the fire for music (bring instruments and your singing voices!), warming snacks and fun traditions to say goodbye to Olde Man Winter and welcome the new season!

Maple Fest returns with old-fashioned maple syrup making, tasty treats, kids' crafts and fun contests all week long!



For more information, call 705-457-2760 or e-mail [info@haliburtonhighlandsmuseum.com](mailto:info@haliburtonhighlandsmuseum.com)

Haliburton Highlands  
MUSEUM



# Harvesting funds for antique fire truck

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff Reporter

There was no shortage of laughs at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre this past weekend as the comedic duo known as Blackfly Theatre took to the stage to perform Ken Cameron's play *Harvest*.

Based on the real-life story of Cameron's parents, *Harvest* centres on two main characters, Charlotte and Allan Duncanson, who are ready to pack up their life on the farm and ease into retirement.

However nothing about selling or retiring comes easy and the Duncansons find themselves in one calamity after another.

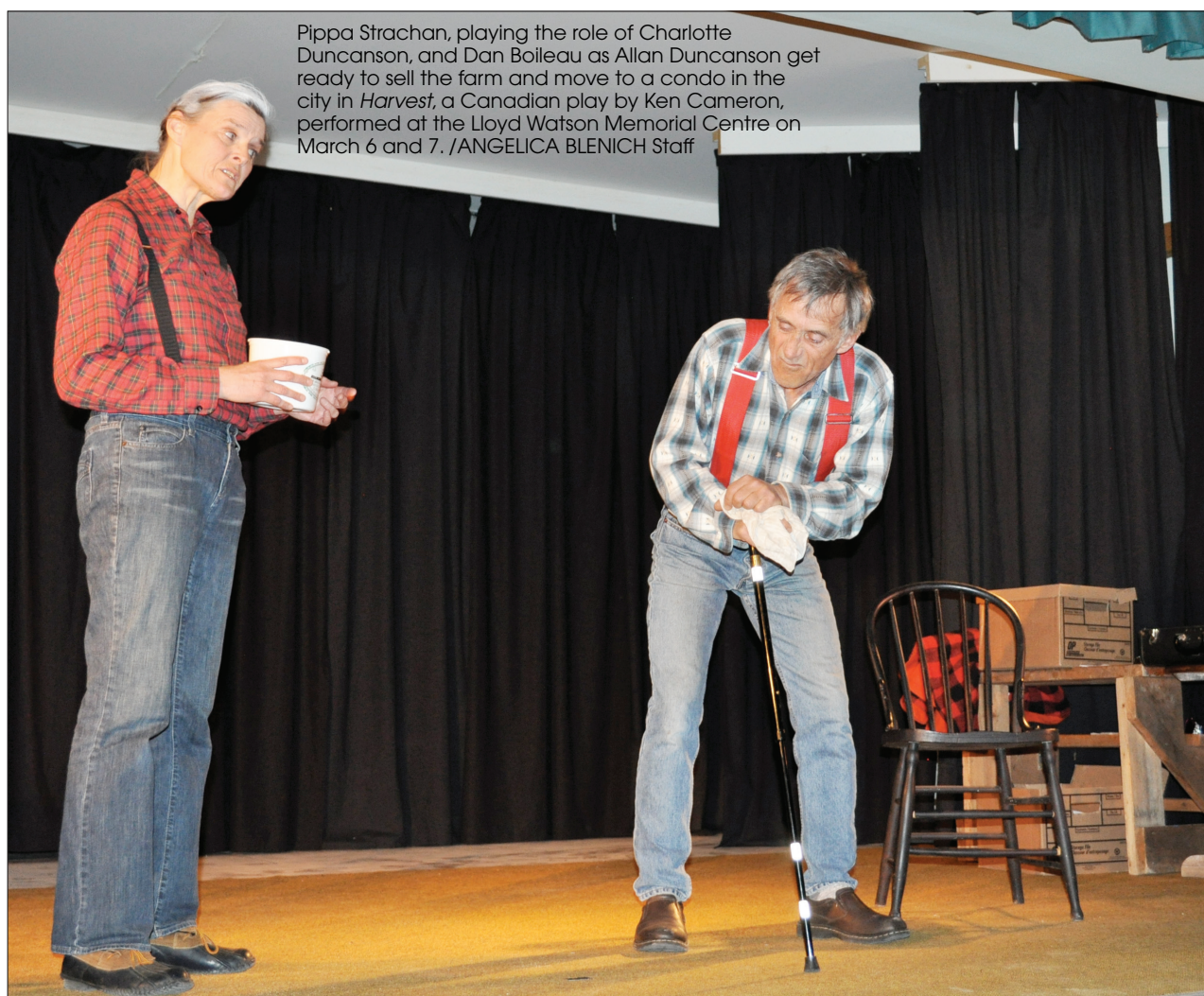
When the married couple of 42 years discover they have been renting out their beloved farmhouse to a marijuana grower, their dreams of a peaceful existence seem forever lost.

Starring as the Duncansons, Pippa Strachan and Dan Boileau deliver captivating and hilarious performances, playing every character in the two-act show simultaneously and never missing a beat.

The evening was put on by The Loop Troupe to raise funds for the Highlands East Fire Heritage Committee. Proceeds from the fundraiser are going towards restoring a 1942 Ford pumper truck.

The committee collected approximately \$1,500 from the event.

"We owe a great deal of thanks to local businesses that donated prizes to the silent auction, to the Loop Troupe for their donation and partnership, to the Blackfly Theatre group for the great performance, for everyone that attended and members of the committee and fire department that came to help out," wrote committee member Curtis Tighe in an email to the paper. "Restoring this truck is going to be a community effort, just like buying it was in the first place. Our next fundraising event will be at the Maple Syrup Fest on Easter weekend."



Pippa Strachan, playing the role of Charlotte Duncanson, and Dan Boileau as Allan Duncanson get ready to sell the farm and move to a condo in the city in *Harvest*, a Canadian play by Ken Cameron, performed at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre on March 6 and 7. /ANGELICA BLENICH Staff

## INSPECTION

### Inspection of Approved 2015–2016 Annual Work Schedule Algonquin Park Forest

The **Algonquin Park Office** of the Ontario **Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)** has reviewed and approved the Algonquin Forestry Authority (AFA) April 1, 2015–March 31, 2016 Annual Work Schedule (AWS) for the **Algonquin Park Forest**.

#### Availability

The AWS will be available for public inspection at the AFA offices in Huntsville and Pembroke and the MNRF public website at [ontario.ca/forestplans](http://ontario.ca/forestplans) beginning **March 16, 2015** and throughout the one-year duration. Ontario Government Information Centres at 400 Pembroke Street East in Pembroke, 447 McKeown Avenue in North Bay and 207 Main Street West in Huntsville provide access to the Internet.

#### Scheduled Forest Management Operations

The AWS describes forest management activities such as road construction, maintenance and decommissioning, forestry aggregate pits, harvest, site preparation, tree planting and tending that are scheduled to occur during the year. Beyond park access points, all forest access roads are closed to the general public.

#### Tree Planting and Fuelwood

The AFA is responsible for tree planting on the Algonquin Park Forest. Please contact the Area Forester, AFA Pembroke Office (see address below) for information regarding tree planting job opportunities or for obtaining fuelwood.

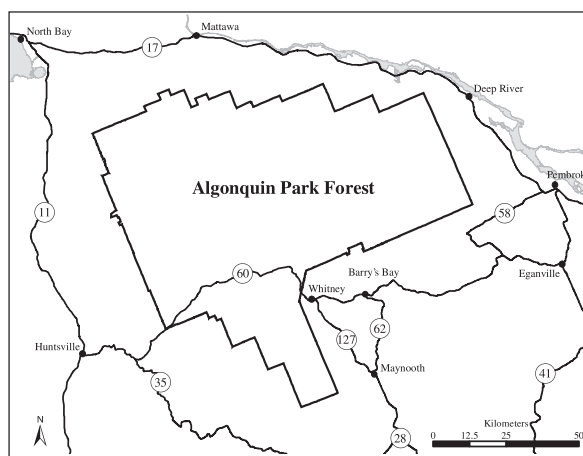
#### More Information

For more information on the AWS or to arrange an appointment with MNRF staff to discuss the AWS or to request an AWS operations summary map, please contact:

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### Going to the dogs

Jessica McCready-DeBruin and Martini race to the finish line at the 13th annual Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby. The kid and mutt competition was a popular draw at the event held at Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre on Feb. 7. Competition took place over two days. The derby is co-ordinated by the owner/operators of Winterdance Dogsled Tour, Tanya McCready and Hank DeBruin.  
CHAD INGRAM Staff



Middle right, the derby brings out lots of lenses and photographers both amateur and professional.

Right, the crowd cheers on mushers during the 13th annual Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby at the Pinestone on March 7.

Above, a four-dog team makes the final push for the finish. The derby includes four, six and eight dog races. For more information on the event visit [www.haliburtondogsledderby.com](http://www.haliburtondogsledderby.com).





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- Well maintained home in quiet community
- Newly shingled roof in 2012, bright kitchen
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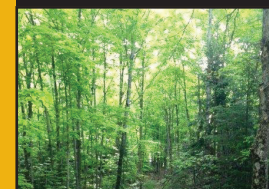


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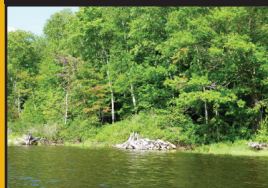


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# minor hockey

## Peewees heading to all-Ontario finals

The Minden Pharmasave Highland Storm Peewee A team travelled to Elmvale for the third game in their semi final play-off round on Friday, March 6. With a slow start and a first goal scored by the opposition the Storm team seemed to be struggling.

Then with five minutes remaining in the second period, defenceman Alex Little saw an opportunity to rush the puck from the behind the Storm net, scoring the only goal for the Highland Storm team that night. Elmvale answered with their second goal in the third period ending a 10-game winning streak for the Storm Peewees.

Saturday, March 7 saw a much more confident Storm team as the Minden Pharmasave Peewees hosted in Minden. With home ice advantage and the stands packed with fans from the community, both players and coaches were determined to win this one, and win they did, advancing the team to the All Ontario Finals! Two quick goals scored in the first period first by Braeden Robinson (assisted by Isaac Little and Nigel Smith) and then by Nigel Smith (assisted by Isaac Little) set the tone for the game. The Elmvale Coyotes wouldn't give up without a fight and answered with a goal of their own. In the second period, Elmvale tied it up with another goal and the Storm team knew they had to work together to come out with the win.

With five minutes remaining in the second period, Nigel Smith scored his second of the night (assisted by Zach Morissette and Isaac Little) and the home crowd went wild!

Then early in the third Cole Prentice (assisted by Joe Boice and Paul Turner) saw a perfect opening and scored Storm's fourth goal, sealing the deal for the win! The Minden Pharmasave Peewee A's advance to the all Ontario finals against Ingersoll. The team enters the finals with a 22-7-4 record. Stay tuned to highlandstorm.org for the yet to be posted schedule and come help cheer this team to victory. Let's go, Storm!

Submitted by Jennifer Little

## Ontario finals for Storm Bantam A

The Storm team made it to the Ontario finals by winning the series against Kincardine. The Storm was up 2-0 in the series, heading into Game 3. They met with the Kinucks last Friday.

It was an exciting action-filled game that went into overtime and ended a 2-2 tie. The Storm came on strong, first goal by Schmidt, assisted by Cooper and Turner. The second period was filled with back and forth action and scoreless. Kinucks tied it up in the third period and shortly after, took the lead. Late in the game, a pass from Manning landed on the stick of Patterson-Smith and he found the opening to tie the game 2-2. It stayed that way through overtime, forcing a Game 4.

Next day, the Kinucks came out with intense, winning determination, and took the game 2-0. The Storm was ready for Game 5 and did what was necessary to move on, winning 2-0. The first period was scoreless. Early in the second, Lucas Haedicke rushed, made a shot and Cooper picked up the rebound for the goal. Late in the third, Cooper assisted a goal by Patterson-Smith, making it 2-0. The Kinucks pulled out all the stops but the Storm stayed solid for the win. Congratulations boys!

The Highland Storm Bantam A team is proudly sponsored by Smolen Dentistry.  
Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke

## Third round of league playoffs for Midget B girls

The Minden Car Quest Auto Midget B girls started their third and final round of their league play-offs against the Peterborough Ice Kats last night (Friday, March 6) in Minden. Winning this three-game series will advance the Storm girls to League Championship weekend – the last weekend in March to face-off against all other loop winners.

The Storm jumped out to an early 1-0 lead in the first period with Erin Little slipping a squeaker past the Ice Kat tender.

Maddie Billings made the score 2-0 in the first with a beauty wrister that fooled the Peterborough netminder midway through the first period.

Late in the second period, Sydney Feir capitalized on a turnover in the Ice Kat end and slipped another wrister, going high glove, to make the score 3-0. The Ice Kats broke the Storm shut-out bid late in the third period with a power play marker.

With just minutes left in the game, Kelsey Maracle regained the Storm's three-goal lead with a goal mouth scramble sneaker to make the final score 4-1.

Great opening game girls in the four point series. Good luck Saturday, March 14 in Peterborough as we try to wrap up the series. If a third game is needed, the series final game will be Sunday, March 22 in Minden at 2 p.m. Keep up the focused team play, girls!

Submitted by Dan Marsden

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# Chuck Wagon Hoedown raising funds for Lions

JENN WATT

Editor

Put on your cowboy hat and slide on your bolo tie for the Lions Club Chuck Wagon Hoedown in Haliburton Saturday, March 21.

The local club is hosting the fundraiser at the Legion to raise money for their ongoing community initiatives and they're planning an old fashioned country outing to raise spirits in the midst of March.

"We're going to have bales of hay and decorate it up," says Linda Heeps, secretary of the local Lions Club. Offering the "best hot meat or veggie pies in town," the hoedown will also serve up homemade beans and cole-slaw.

Toes will be tapping to the tunes of Gord Kidd and the 50/50 Band and Heeps expects some line dancing to take place.

Tickets are \$15 each and money raised goes into the general account of the Lions Club, which is regularly accessed by community members for a variety of reasons.

One of the big expenses for the Lions is providing eye glasses for those who can't afford them. Heeps says the club will get a phone call from an area optometrist saying someone has a new prescription, but can't afford to fill it. That's when the club steps in.

The Lions provided six pairs of glasses recently in one month.

They also pay for people to have accessibility ramps put in at their homes or on their cars – again, for those who cannot afford to do so themselves.

Much of what the Lions do goes without much fanfare. "These are things that go under the radar that you don't really hear about," Heeps says.

Lions volunteer at local schools doing literacy work. They have begun singing at long-term care homes with Gord Kidd to entertain residents. They give money to local figure skating and dance groups and pay for a bus to bring children from Cardiff to see The Nutcracker every year.

When there are house fires, they step in, giving those awaiting insurance money a small financial contribution to help get through the difficult time.

Winter months are harder for the club – most of their money comes in through community barbecues, which aren't very practical when it's -20°C.

"We're trying to fill up our coffers to get us to the summer when we start up our barbecue again," Heeps says.

The Chuck Wagon Hoedown is Saturday, March 21 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Haliburton Legion.

Tickets are \$15 and are available at Halco Electronics in Haliburton or by calling Heeps at 705-457-2064.

# Lone Star quilt to be raffled

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Hilda Clark

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First some good news.

Another beautiful quilt is on the quilting frames at the Outpost. What better place for a very old and practical craft to be practised than at a historic house!

In delicious green tones this Lone Star quilt will be raffled as a fundraiser for programs at our museum. Thanks to Barb Schofield for donating the quilt top. Quilters are welcome. Contact Jill at 705-448-2346 or Hilda at 705-448-2018 about quilting times or to leave your number so you can be contacted.

The play *Harvest* was very well received at the LWMC here last Friday and Saturday evenings. People are still amazed that two actors could play so many roles so well. Pippa Strachan and Dan Boileau of the Blackfly Theatre each played a variety of characters very convincingly: In a blink of an eye, perhaps by adding a tie or a cap moving a chair or rooting in a packing box they became an older couple retiring from their farm, an insurance agent, a mean watchdog barking, the strange guys renting the old farmhouse for a grow-op, church members, the local police officer or the environmental inspector checking the mould on the walls.

Flip a card table and it becomes a gravestone for mother and dad or simply move a chair or two. Loved them remembering and miming the morning and evening milking chores. How simply effective. Stay alert and follow the action. No nodding off in this one.

Dan playing a little mouth organ to kick off the two acts added to well chosen recorded sound effects to set the country scene. Thanks to support from a friend from the Bancroft Little Theatre and the Loop Troupe's Dan Linkert for the excellent sound and light effects.

Though the Loop Troupe had hopes for somewhat greater audience numbers the results were fine. The generous players were pleased that their show was well received and welcome everyone to summer theatre in Bancroft. The Fire Heritage committee from Highlands East that is raising funds to restore the antique original Monmouth fire truck were pleased with the donation of profit from the play. They also ran successful silent auctions, a refreshment booth and a "Put some loot in the Boot" each evening. They thank the generous donors for helping out.

So all in all everyone went home happy. The players content, the audience well entertained and an interesting cause supported.

The community last week celebrated the life of another of its very senior members. After a life well lived but with pain in recent times Elsie (Bates) Earle died peacefully at Extendicare in Haliburton on March 4. Elsie Sarah Earle was in her 94th year. And her late husband Steve did call her Sarah or even Sarie!

Elsie spent her early years in that now ghost town of Cheddar. From the time of her marriage to Stephen her home was in Wilberforce where their daughters Joan, Anne, Jeane and Edith were raised.

After the death of Steve at a rather young age Elsie carried on. Always a knowledgeable and keen gardener her productive vegetable plots were neat and weed free and as lovely as her flowers. Always a friendly kind neighbour.

Thanks to family support Elsie was able to remain in her home until with failing physical health she required more care.

Sympathy is extended to her daughters Joan (Ken) Noble, Anne (Ron) Sandell, Jeane (Barry) Bolender, and Edith (Harold) Woodward, her grandchildren Brenda (Jim), Tim (Judith), Terry (Lisa), Lisa (Dan), Marne (Heath), Shawn, Stephen, and Jennifer and her great grandchildren and her friends. She was predeceased by brothers Herb, Roy and Kenneth Bates.

Visitation, funeral service and reception were held at the Monk Funeral Home in Minden on Friday, March 6. Interment will be in the spring at the Wilberforce Cemetery.

## Notices



# COUNTY OF HALIBURTON Official Plan UPDATE 2015

## NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HALIBURTON COUNCIL

The County of Haliburton Official Plan 5 Year Review

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the County of Haliburton will hold a Special Public Meeting pursuant to Section 26 (3)(b) of the Planning Act, RSO, 1990, c.P.13 (as amended) as follows:

**Wednesday, April 29, 2015, 1 pm**

**County Council Chambers, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden**

**THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING** is to provide the public with an opportunity to identify and discuss revisions that may be required to update the current County of Haliburton Official Plan. County Council will consider any written submissions on the Official Plan Review and provide the public with an opportunity to participate in the process.

**AN OFFICIAL PLAN** is a policy document which guides the development and growth of our communities and County. It provides land use direction regarding residential, commercial, industrial, institutional, parkland, utilities, infrastructure and many other land use components. The goals and objectives set out in the Official Plan work to balance the interests of each individual property owner and each community with those of the municipalities and the County.

**THE MEETING** will include a brief presentation by the Director of Planning. The presentation will outline the new provincial policy environment, proposed updates to the Official Plan and outline the review process.

Other public meetings and open houses will be scheduled over the coming months as part of the formal amendment process to update the Official Plan. Notice of future meetings will be posted on the County website, tweeted and will be published in the local newspapers.

**IF A PERSON** or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the County of Haliburton before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the County of Haliburton or the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to the Ontario Municipal Board.

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** may be obtained by visiting the County of Haliburton Administrative Offices, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario or by contacting the County of Haliburton Director of Planning, Charley White, MCIP, RPP, (705) 286-1333 or [cwhite@county.haliburton.on.ca](mailto:cwhite@county.haliburton.on.ca) or by visiting the County Website [www.haliburtoncounty.ca](http://www.haliburtoncounty.ca). If you wish to speak at the meeting please contact the Director of Planning.

Charley White, MCIP, RPP  
Director of Planning



# 175 riders enjoy Snowshuffle in West Guilford

community news

## west guilford

Eleanor Cooper  
754-2278

At the West Guilford Community Centre's board meeting it was noted that response to the Snowshuffle was all positive. Everyone found the trails well groomed, the lunch was plentiful and good, the roast beef dinner back at the West Guilford Community Centre was up to par and the dance to Scott Stanley's DJ selections enjoyed by all. All 175 riders as well as many other participants found the whole day to be to their liking, especially with the favourable weather. Liz Jesseman was first winner in the race and Miranda Connelly was second. The next board meeting is March 30.

Thanks to all who contributed to the lunch following Anna Mueller's funeral on March 2 at the Centre. The family expressed thanks to us who served the refreshment and contributed generously in food themselves for the many who attended. Anna was well loved by those she lived for and cared for over the years, as shown by the numbers in attendance.

On March 4 the Summit Telecommunications Services Inc. met with the public, primarily interested residents of the Kennis Lake area to discuss the new communications tower on Kennis property.

Looking ahead, Good Friday offers the opportunity for the public to join West Guilford Chapel congregation at the Centre at 9:45 a.m. for breakfast, free of charge. Don Wood's address after is entitled "Boasting in the Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ."

There was no euchre last Tuesday. It was cancelled due to bad weather.

On March 4, a public meeting was held at the Community Centre to discuss concerns and supply information primarily to Kennis Lake residents re: the proposed Rogers Communication tower. Further notice will be sent again when more information is available.



## HCPL's Junior Book of the Month

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*Sidewalk Flowers* was "written" by award winning Canadian poet JonArno Lawson and brought to life by illustrator Sydney Smith.

## Library News

March Break is coming up soon! HCPL's Dysart

and Minden branches will be open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, March 16. There will be children's programming at numerous branches – check our website for details [www.haliburtonlibrary.ca](http://www.haliburtonlibrary.ca), or drop into your nearest branch for a March calendar.



## Notices

## INSPECTION

### Inspection of Approved 2015–2016 Annual Work Schedule Algonquin Park Forest

The **Algonquin Park Office** of the Ontario **Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)** has reviewed and approved the Algonquin Forestry Authority (AFA) April 1, 2015–March 31, 2016 Annual Work Schedule (AWS) for the **Algonquin Park Forest**.

#### Availability

The AWS will be available for public inspection at the AFA offices in Huntsville and Pembroke and the MNRF public website at [ontario.ca/forestplans](http://ontario.ca/forestplans) beginning **March 16, 2015** and throughout the one-year duration. Ontario Government Information Centres at 400 Pembroke Street East in Pembroke, 447 McKeown Avenue in North Bay and 207 Main Street West in Huntsville provide access to the Internet.

#### Scheduled Forest Management Operations

The AWS describes forest management activities such as road construction, maintenance and decommissioning, forestry aggregate pits, harvest, site preparation, tree planting and tending that are scheduled to occur during the year. Beyond park access points, all forest access roads are closed to the general public.

#### Tree Planting and Fuelwood

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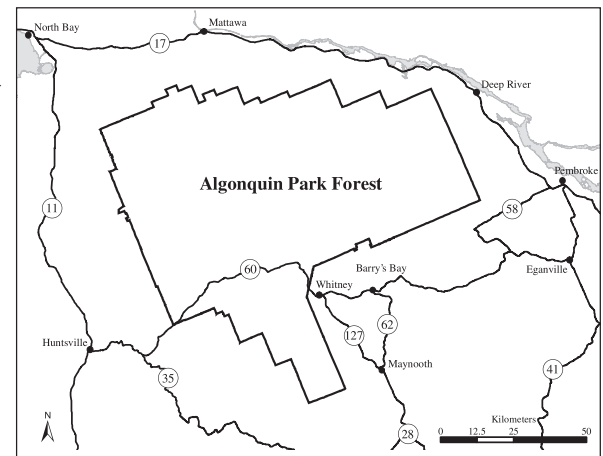
#### More Information

For more information on the AWS or to arrange an appointment with MNRF staff to discuss the AWS or to request an AWS operations summary map, please contact:

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# Sports



The Red Hawks varsity girls' hockey team hold silver medals after the COSSA championship in Cobourg early last week. Being the COSSA runners-up (losing only 1-0) qualified the Hawks for a berth to the all-provincials when St. Mary's declined to go immediately following the championship final game. The Hawks beat Prince Edward Collegiate Institute 3-1 in the semi-finals to advance to the final against St. Mary's. Submitted by Leigh-Ann McLean

## Lady Hawks go for OFSAA gold in Kenora

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The team's first game in Cobourg at COSSA was against Prince Edward Collegiate Institute.

Heading into the game, Marsden studied the team's record and believed his team would stack up well.

The Hawks forward Kelsey Maracle scored the first goal for a 1-0 lead in the first period.

Prince Edward responded and tied it up. At the end of the first it was tied 1-1.

The Hawks forward Erin Little put the Hawks up again in the second 2-1 with what would be the game-winner.

"We just told the girls we got to keep going here. We got to grind it out," he said.

Marsden points out the duration of the game increased by seven minutes, compared to other games before COSSA, which changed the style of play for the team.

Besides the usual refrain of moving the feet, Marsden was telling his team to move the puck.

"The more the puck moves the less you have to skate," he told them.

The red and white's forward Kenndal Marsden scored the "clinch" in the third period to win 3-1.

"It was exciting for the girls. We told them [before the game] we win we're in so we won," he said.

The COSSA final pitted the Hawks against Kawartha league rival St. Mary's.

Coming into the game the Hawks knew their opposition, having tied them 0-0 at home and lost to them 1-0 on the road when they allowed a goal with three minutes left in regulation.

"I said, You know girls let's be ready here. This is ours for the taking. It will be awesome to win gold," he said.

St. Mary's started the scoring in the first with a power-play goal.

Although the Hawks had chances, the score remained 1-0 for St. Mary's.

The Hawks defence player Sydney Cameron blasted a shot from the point that got through a maze of players in front of the net and it hit square off the post. Marsden thought an inch to the right it would have been a goal.

"We had a few other posts. We had some chances. We just couldn't solve the tender," he said.

He shortened the bench near the end and then pulled the goalie for the extra attacker, but couldn't beat St. Mary's goalie.

"We were excited. Two total team effort games and a 1-0 loss. It's not like you get shellacked 8-3 or 5-1. It was a really good game," he said. "I think we out-chanced them, but we just couldn't beat their tender."

The chances for the Hawks, he said, are as good as any

at the all-provincials this week.

He told his team that there wouldn't be many teams better than Holy Cross and St. Mary's.

"We showed we can play with them. Let's be ready when we go there. Yeah, it's going to be a wonderful experience. Take it all in, but at the same point we're still going to go there for a focus on a playing hockey," he said.

With this being the last season for the girls' hockey program, the Hawks decided to accept the offer to play in Kenora despite the logistic and financial challenges.

"There's a lot of heart strings involved," he said.

Through the support of parents, private sponsors and anonymous donations, the Red Hawks will make the trip to Kenora, taking a tour bus the 20-something

hour drive, divided into two legs. They left Saturday and stopped for the night in White River.

"It's making this trip a reality," he said, referring to the support. "Holy, crap, yeah, we want to go, but it's a big chunk of change, but some people have kind of offered support so it's been overwhelming in the sense of people supporting our team. It's awesome for the girls kind of an awesome swan song if you will or Hawks' song." Winning a silver medal at COSSA doesn't usually earn a team or individual an all-provincial berth, but when St. Mary's turned down the chance to compete at OSFAA, the Hawks had the opportunity to step in and figure out how to get to Kenora.

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The Red Hawks player Erin Little, left, wins the faceoff against the Holy Cross Hurricanes centre Jocelyne Lemay during the seeding game in the Kawartha championship playoffs on Tuesday, Feb. 24 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. The Hawks won 2-1, taking the game with a shootout victory. The win enabled the red and white to play AA schools at COSSA, which resulted in an OFSAA berth. / DARREN LUM Staff



# Coming together at right time

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When Marsden told his team, he said, there was a mix of feelings from excitement for the opportunity to advance to uneasiness, regarding the logistics and, in particular, the finances required.

The team left Saturday by tour bus except for defence player Sydney Cameron, who has commitments to her midget AA Peterborough Ice Kats team that is short two players and has made the third round of playoffs, for the first time in team history, which are the same week as OFSAA.

"I'm really sad that I can't go, but we have a strong team and I am confident they will do great," Cameron said. "It's too bad OFSAA can't be the week after March break, that way all playoffs are done, and I could of went. I'm sure I'm not the only one in this situation, it's unfortunate."

Assistant coach Chris Duchene, who has been with the team this season and prior, will be going to

Kenora while husband and assistant coach Vince won't be due to prior commitments, said Marsden.

Due to the different hockey schedule for everybody, he said, the team has only had two practices all year.

This team has come together well, he said.

"It's just been one more wicked game. One more wicked game so we have won the AA seeding game. That was awesome and then to win a spot to OFSAA is another accolade for this group of girls," he said.

This is a great way to end the season and has exceeded everyone's expectations.

Now, if the team wins a medal that will top everything.

"The only thing that will be better is to win some hardware," he said.

*As of press time, the Hawks lost their OFSAA opener 7-2 to No. 2 seed Char-Lan District High School.*



The Red Hawks varsity girls' hockey team is thankful for the support from Haliburton County, as they gathered just before heading up to Kenora for the all-provincials hockey tournament this week. Their trip wouldn't be possible without the support. See the OFSAA website related to Girls' A/AA Hockey. The Hawks are the seeded 12 out of 16 teams. They are in pool C with No. 2 seed Char-Lan District High School. Submitted by Ginny Marsden

## Winter fun

From top clockwise, Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) student Caitlin Peacock snowshoes; J.Douglas Hodgson Elementary School (JDHES) student Natasha Hewer; JDHES student Tristin Pettipas-Elkins launches off of a jump participates in the mini-luge event at the annual Winter Special Olympics on Friday, March 6 at Glebe Park in Haliburton. There were more than 100 students who came from JDHES, HHSS, Wilberforce Elementary School, Langton Public School in Fenelon Falls, Parkview Public School in Lindsay, and Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden who participated in the multi-sport event (Nordic skiing and snowshoeing) from 10 to 2 p.m. /DARREN LUM Staff



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## Solid OFSAA finishes for Red Hawks riders

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Two Red Hawks soared into the top 10 at the Ontario Federation of School Athletics Associations (OFSAA) snowboarding festival on Thursday, Feb. 26 at Blue Mountain in Collingwood.

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) snowboarding team was led by Robin Hogarth's fourth place in the girls' event while Regan Casey's eighth place led the boys in the field of more than 130 competitors.

Although graduating senior athlete Hogarth was happy with her performance, she felt there was room for improvement.

"I still feel like a could have done better and pushed myself more during my first run! My brother was sweet enough to let me borrow his board because its bigger than my board so I was able to carve better and not worry about my heels or my toes catching in the snow. So holla to brother bear," she wrote in an email. "I honestly have to say the conditions were some of the best I've ever ridden! The hill didn't turn into complete ice or [get] all bumpy!"

Hogarth was close to half a second off of medaling in the field of more than 90 competitors. Her first run of 41.26 was second only to the eventual gold medal winner. Races were decided by the combined time of two runs.

She wants to be connected to snowboarding for the rest of her life (or least most of her life she points out) and has applied to Barrie's Georgian College for snow resort fundamentals.

Since she earned her level one instructor's certificate and competed against high school snowboarder Jaimie Figueira of Fenelon Falls Secondary School and last year's OFSAA and COSSA gold medal winner, Hogarth said she has improved a lot.

"She was tough competition! She helped me push

myself! So I think that's what helped me in being a good snowboarder!" she said.

The Hawks sent 14 competitors to the all-provincial event, which was capped off with fifth place finishes for the girls' and boys' teams.

The top three finishers for the girls were Hogarth (4), Hunter McTeague (15) and Christine Bishop (84).

The boys' A team included the results of Casey (8), Mac Moynes (14), who is a first-year competitor, and Hunter Bishop (70).

The Red Hawks also sent Alanna Casper, Nolan Nicholson, Joshua Rowden, Glenn Bagg, Abraham Churko, Del Meyers, Brenden McKee and Preston Roberts, who finished 58.

HHSS teacher, who went to Collingwood with the team, Jessica Lloyd enjoyed taking the team.

"I'm proud of all of them on doing their best and representing HHSS. It was a great experience taking 14 of them to OFSAA," she said.



Robin Hogarth, as seen in this photo taken at the COSSA championship earlier this year at Sir Sam's Ski and Ride in Eagle Lake, finished fourth at the all-provincials. File photo

## Red Hawks' rink takes COSSA silver

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The Red Hawks girls' curling team proved that love is the foundation for a successful run, even if the result is shy of a goal.

Skip Alyssa Denyer said although she was disappointed about coming short of making the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations championship, she is proud of her team.

She adds it was the bond between every player that led to the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics (COSSA) championship silver won early last week.

Denyer points out COSSA was organized into a pool format so their 2-1 record was second only to 3-0 record of the Fenelon Falls Falcons, who they narrowly lost to in their second game.

"Our second game we played Fenelon and fought a really close game and missed a couple clutch shots by a few inches to end up just barely losing 8-7," she said.

"It was a very, very tough loss for us, especially because looking back on the game we know we could have beat Fenelon," she said.

On the road to COSSA, the team was able to overcome some tough competition.

"We fought hard and came out with another big win, which advanced us on to COSSA. Our key to success was taking advantage of our strong front end. In high school curling there is a lot of thrown together teams, so having four competitive curlers that gel together was a huge advantage in many of our games," she wrote in an email, referring to the Kawartha championship. "Our team is a tough team to put into words. We all mix together so well and all have the same goals no matter what the outcome of our games. On and off the ice we are a team. We all love each other so much and are able to help each other get back in the spirit after any game."

The team includes Denyer, Grade 11, Tori Hawley, Grade 11, Mia Kocot, Grade 12, Alanna Casper, Grade

10 and alternate Emily Parish, Grade 9. Everyone on the team has known each for four years, she said. It was formed at the beginning of this year and Kocot, Hawley and Denyer curl in a local ladies adult league.

"In our first game at [Kawartha championship] we played Norwood and won 11-0 after just three ends. For our second game we played Saint Mary's and won 11-8 in an extra end. In the Kawartha A final we played Fenelon falls in a great game but came out losing 8-6 with a close score. So we were into the B final against I.E. Welton Secondary School, but lost 11-5," she said.

"Our goal was definitely OFSAA. We practiced every Wednesday, but all curled on other nights of the week as well. The love was definitely key," she said. "A lot of other high school teams don't bond as well as we have."

The team's faculty advisor was Cynthia Mitchell and its coach was Russ Duhaime.



This year's Red Hawks girls' curling team earned a COSSA silver medal and attribute the success to the bonds they have. Alyssa Denyer, skip, Mia Kocot, lead, Cynthia Mitchell, faculty advisor, Alanna Casper, second, Russ Duhaime, coach, Tori Hawley, vice, and Emily Parish, alternate. Submitted by Alyssa Denyer





Red Hawks wrestlers Matt Sexsmith, left, and Keagan Gillam enjoyed their year, which was capped off with an appearance at this year's OFSAA championship in Windsor recently. Gillam, a Grade 9 student, won three matches to finish in the top eight while teammate Sexsmith, a Grade 12 student, won one match. /DARREN LUM Staff

# Wrestlers reflect on OFSAA experience

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Making it all the way to the all-provincials is something Matt Sexsmith and Keagan Gillam will never forget.

The two wrestlers couldn't be more different, whether it's in stature or in wrestling experience.

Sexsmith stands more than 6', a veteran of four years and wrestles in the 95 kilogram weight class while his teammate stands a little more than 5', a rookie and wrestles in the 41 kilogram weight class.

For all their differences, the two shared the amazing experience of competing with the best in the province when they travelled with coach Paul Klose to Windsor early last week.

They earned their berth to the all-provincial event, the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations championship by winning Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics titles a week before.

Sexsmith wrestled his way to the top while Gillam's weight class didn't have any competitors.

The veteran wrestler relished the chance to represent COSSA at the all-provincials.

"It means a lot to me because even though when I went to COSSA there weren't that many people in my weight class I still feel like I did earn it," Sexsmith said. "I worked really hard to get down in weight. I started this year at around 240 pounds and now I'm at 203 pounds."

The soon-to-be graduating student was competing in the unlimited weight class (or 130 kilograms) in prior years and moved to 95 kilograms this season, which was a factor in his success this season and his first and last trip to OFSAA.

He was motivated to change weight classes because it was advantageous.

"Everybody in that weight class [unlimited] is just monstrously big so it's incredibly hard to move them or do anything with them so I dropped down to make it easy on myself."

To lose the weight, he went on a disciplined diet, which included a reduction on "trans fatty foods and processed foods." He added running to his workouts.

Among his choices for post-secondary education includes Western where he hopes to wrestle with an area club. Otherwise he'll look to continue with wrestling in Toronto.

What stands out for Sexsmith the most from the all-provincials is being able to wrestle the second seeded wrestler in his weight class.

"Those [seeded wrestlers] are really good. Like, I thought I knew what good was before, but then you go to a provincial tournament then you see what good really is," he said.

The rookie Gillam, who was short on words, found the experience of going to OFSAA "pretty awesome."

Although Gillam didn't have to wrestle his way through Kawartha or COSSA, as he didn't have anybody to wrestle in his weight class, the opportunity and experience to wrestle at OFSAA wasn't lost on the Grade 9 student.

He's still in awe at how big the wrestling event was and how many strong wrestlers there are for his weight class. Gillam strung together three wins in a row and ended up losing to a finalist in his weight class.

Klose, laughing, is happy for Sexsmith since he won't have to wrestle him anymore, as he was the only person that could match up.

He was proud of both of his wrestlers, who had to wrestle the second seeds.

Even though this wasn't the first all-provincial championship for him, he is always in awe of the spectacle that the all-provincials are.

"It's always a show. It's so different than what we see in our region," he said.

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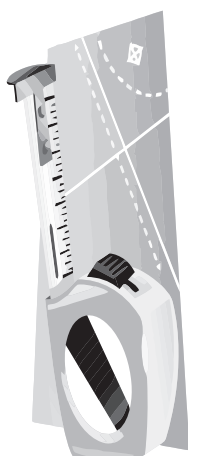
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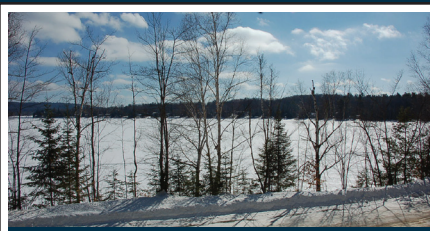
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